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Title: **Need to permit use of funds out of Railway Safety Fund for providing safety measures at level crossings No. 211B and No. 216 in Badagara Municipality and Onchiyam Gram Panchayat, respectively in Kerala- Laid.**

PROF. (SMT.) A.K. PREMAJAM (BADAGARA) : Level crossings No. 211B in Badagara Municipality and level crossing No. 216 in Onchiyam Gram Panchayat respectively were provided on Deposit terms. Presently, these level crossings are non-interlocked gates. In view of the increased traffic at these gates and the safety hazards, the level crossings are to be inter-locked with signals. The approximate cost of inter-locking one gate is Rs. 15 lakhs. Now the Divisional Railway Manager, Palghat has asked the Badagara Municipality and Onchiyam Gram Panchayat to bear the entire cost; being deposit work. Local bodies with limited resources are not in a position to bear this heavy expenditure. The Railway has constituted a special fund known as Railway Safety Fund, exclusively for the purpose of implementing safety measures.

Under these circumstances, I request the Hon'ble Minister for Railways to examine the matter and give necessary directions to amend the existing rules in these matters and also to include installation of interlocking system with signals (deposit works also) in the list of works to be executed with Railway Safety Fund.